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(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to provide relief to the passengers from the said problems; and

(c) the details of the said measures and the process of implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI R. VELU): (a) Some cases have come to notice.

(b) and (c) Regular and surprise checks are conducted in and around reservation offices and in trains in association with the Security and Vigilance departments to prevent any malpractices. These checks are also monitored by officers at various levels. Staff, if found indulging in corrupt practices are taken up as per relevant rules. The non-railway men are dealt with as per provisions of the law. In addition, suitable publicity campaign is launched from time to time educating the public to contact the concerned authorities in case of possible malpractices.

Doubling of Railway Tracks in Kerala

370. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether doubling of railway track in various sections of Kerala is yet to be completed;

(b) if so, the details including total length of railway track, length of sections having double track, length of sections in which double track works is on, details of sections in which doubling of track as yet to be sanctioned and total grant sanctioned for doubling of railway track in Kerala, as on today, category-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to complete the track between Ernakulam- Kottayam- Kayamkulam-Allapey-Kayamkulam sections as today?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details as on 01.4.2006 are as under:-

i. Total length of railway track:—

Broad Gauge-933 Kms, Meter Gauge-117 Kms

ii. Length of sections having double track:- 558.62 Kms

- Walayar-Ullal- 343.45 Kms (Excluding minor patches)
 Shoranur-Ernakulam-106.85 Kms
 Kayankulam-Trivandrum-105.32 Kms
 Ernakulam Junction-Ernakulam Marshalling Yard-3 Kms
- iii. Length of sections in which double track works are in progress:—
 121.65 Kms
 Emakulam-Kottayam-Kayankulam—88 Kms out of 115 Kms
 Ernakulam-Aileppey-Kayankulam-13 Kms out of 100 Kms
 Pallipuram-Shoranur-20.55 Kms
- iv. Details of sections in which doubling of track is not sanctioned:—
 369.73 Kms
 Trivandrum-Parasala- 30.90 Kms
 Kuruppantara-Chingavanam-27 Kms
 Ernakulam-Haripad- 87 Kms
 Quilon-Ariangavu-81.30 kms
 Palakad (Palghat)-Muthalamada-35.7 Kms
 Shoranur-Nilambur-65.8 Kms
 Trichur-Guruvayur-22.63 Kms
 Palakad (Palghat) Junction-Palakad (Palghat) Town & Misc-19.56 Kms
- v. Project-wise outlay provided for on-going doubling works is given as under:—

Sl. No,	Name of Project	Outlay 2006-
1.	Emakulam-Mulanturutti (17.37 Km)	16
2.	Mulanturutti-Kuruppantara (24 Kms)	2
3.	Chingavanam-Chengannur (26 5 Kms)	4.99
4.	Chengannur-Mavelikara (12.3 Kms)	10
5.	Mavelikara-Kayankulam (7.89 Kms)	10
6.	Kayankulam-Cheppad (7.76 Kms)	2
7.	Cheppad-Haripad (5.28 Kms)	2
8.	Calicut-Mangalore (221 Kms)	8
9.	Shoranur-Kuttipuram-Calicut (86	9

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(c) Work on the sanctioned patch doubling works on Kottayam & Alleppey routes are being expedited for their completion in next 2-3 years.

Upgradation and Modernisation of Stations in North Eastern Railway

371. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Kamlaganj, Gursahaiganj, Kannauj and Bilhaur stations in North Eastern Railway need upgradation and modernisation; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken or is being taken to upgrade and modernize those stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) All the minimum essential amenities as per norms have been provided at Kamalganj, Gursahaiganj, Kannauj and Bilhaur railway stations. However, the following sanctioned works are being undertaken to upgrade and modernize these stations:

- (i) Improvement of circulating area,
- (ii) Beautification of Kannauj station,
- (iii) Provision of foot over bridge, improvement of circulating area, booking hall, waiting hall and provision of Kota stone,
- (iv) Provision of Unreserved Ticketing System,
- (v) Raising of main platform with newly extended platform at Kamalganj and Gursahaiganj,
- (vi) Improvement in toilets of waiting hall, 1st class waiting room, retiring room and announcement system at Kannauj,
- (vii) Improvement of platform, drain toilets water hydrants, waiting hall and converting present toilet to 'Pay & Use' at Gursahaiganj,
- (viii) Provision of electric and battery room to install unreserved Ticketing System,
- (ix) Construction of 2nd high level platform at Kannauj, and
- (x) Construction of new station building at Kamalganj.